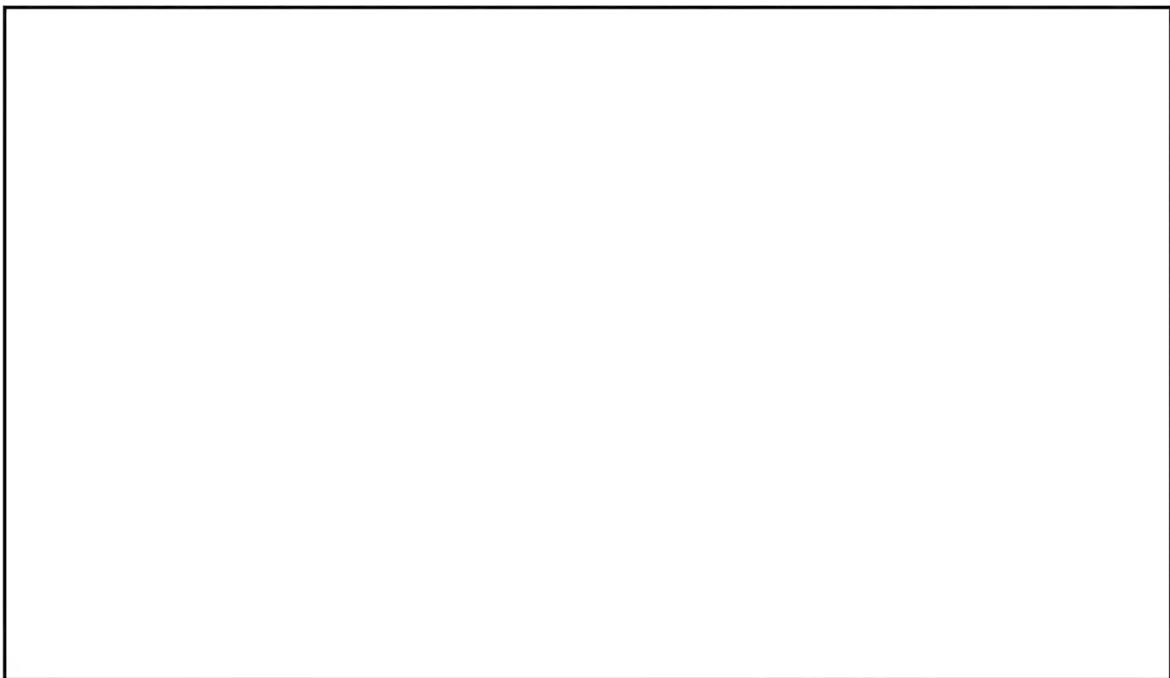


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NUCLEAR ENERGY DIVISION

THE WEBSTER PANEL - Director's Panel of Consultants on Atomic Energy

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This Committee is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed by law. It functions solely in an advisory capacity and the determination of any actions are taken solely by the proper Government officials. Meetings of the Committee are called or approved by Government officials who also set the agenda. Meetings are chaired by or conducted in the presence of Government officials who have full control of the meetings. Minutes of each meeting are kept at least in the form of summaries of matters discussed and the conclusions reached. The minutes are certified as accurate by a Government official.

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5 March 1959

GUIDED MISSILES DIVISION

"THE [] PANEL"

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1. Purpose: The [] Panel was convened by the DCI after consultation with USIB for the purpose of reviewing the ICBM evidence in connection with the estimate contained in NIE 11-5-58, and making recommendations thereon to USIB. The [] Panel was convened on 12, 13 and 14 November 1958. 25X1

2. Composition:



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3. General:

- a. The [] Panel engaged a critical intelligence problem of definite public interest and within the duties of the Agency and USIB.
- b. The Panel's activities were solely advisory and the actions based thereon were made by the proper Governmental officials.
- c. The meetings were called and approved by responsible Government intelligence officials, who set the agenda therefor.
- d. The meetings were chaired by Mr. [], but were conducted in the presence of responsible Government officials who had control over the purpose and course of the meetings.

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SUBJECT: "THE PANEL"

- e. Specific minutes were not kept; however, a summary report was prepared by a responsible Government official participating in and guiding the Panel meeting.
- f. The future need for and use of this Panel is not known; if convened, essentially the same procedure will be followed.

5 March 1959

GUIDED MISSILES DIVISION

"THE GMD CONSULTANT PANEL"

1. Purpose:

This Panel was established in mid-1954 at the request of the DCI for the purpose of assisting in the preparation of the first comprehensive National Intelligence Estimate on Soviet Guided Missiles (NIE 11-6-54). The Panel is now sponsored by GMD/SI, and is convened periodically (approximately two to three times a year) for the purpose of providing advice and assistance in GMD's assessments and evaluations. 25X1

2. Composition:

3. General:

- (a) This Panel assists in evaluating Soviet guided missiles activities of critical concern to the US National Security. As such it is definitely in the public interest and within the assigned duties of CIA/OSI/GMD.
- (b) The Panel is used solely in an advisory capacity and all actions based thereon are taken by responsible Government officials.
- (c) All meetings are called and approved by Government officials, who set the agenda therefor.
- (d) The meetings are chaired by a Government official who has full control of the course and purpose of the meeting.
- (e) Minutes have not been kept; however, a memorandum for the record will be prepared by a responsible Government official on all future meetings.

(f) This Panel is not predominantly an "industry advisory committee" inasmuch as only one member, Mr. [redacted] is engaged fulltime in the guided missile industry. 25X1

(g) This is a continuing Panel; the next meeting will probably be convened in April 1959.

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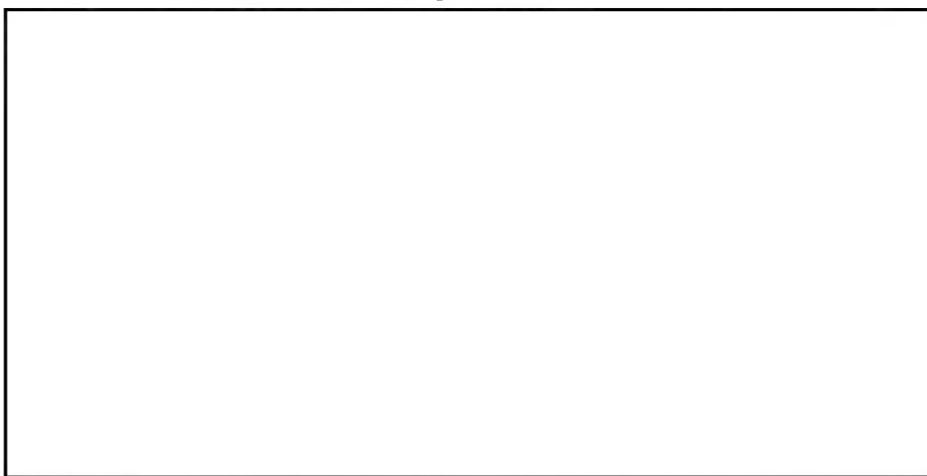
"SPECIAL ENGINEERING ANALYSIS GROUP" and
"THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY PANEL"

1. Purpose: This Group and Panel were convened at the request of CIA under the sponsorship of GMIC for the purpose of assisting in the assessment and evaluation of a quantity of significant, sensitive intelligence data. The Group met for about three weeks in the fall of 1957; the Panel met for one week immediately thereafter.

2. Composition: (a) "Special Engineering Analysis Group"

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(b) "The Scientific Advisory Panel"



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3. General:

- (a) Convenering this Group and Panel to assist in evaluating critical intelligence data was in the public interest and within the duties of CIA and the intelligence community.
- (b) The Group and Panel were utilized solely in an advisory capacity and actions based thereon were taken by responsible Government officials.
- (c) The meetings were called and approved by Government officials who set the agenda therefor.
- (d) The meetings were usually not chaired by Government officials; however, responsible Government officials were present and guided the purpose and course of the sessions.
- (e) Minutes were not kept; however, detailed reports were prepared and significant conclusions were reached, both in the presence and with the assistance of responsible Government officials.
- (f) Future use of the Group and/or Panel is not known; this will depend on the acquisition of similar data warranting further assistance in the evaluation thereof.

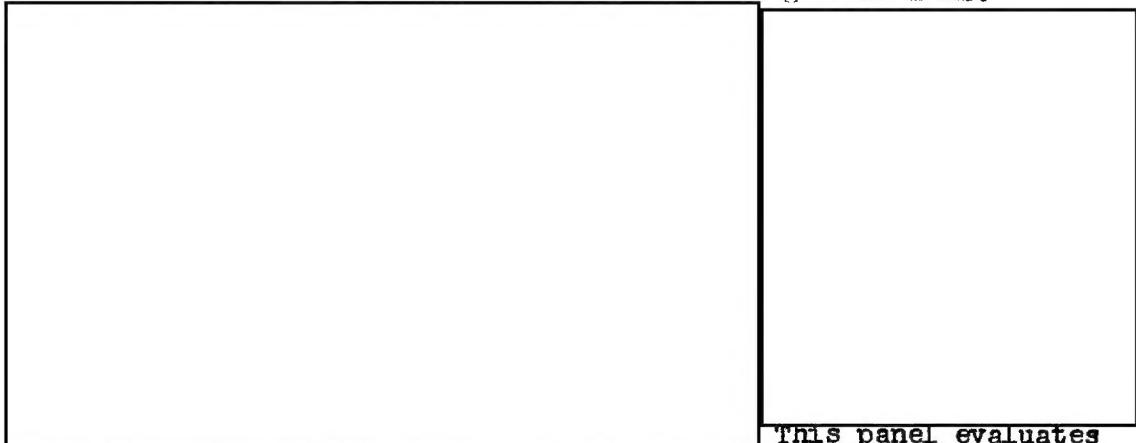
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FUNDAMENTAL SCIENCE DIVISION/SI

The Fundamental Science Division employs the following panels, in an indirect fashion, through external contracting mechanisms:

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This panel evaluates

Soviet research and development in the field of [redacted], and renders advice and conclusions as to the level of Soviet competence; trends in the direction of their research; the existence of probable classified areas, etc. The panel's conclusions are entirely substantive in nature and have nothing directly to do with US research, its direction, personnel, procurement policies, etc.

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- a. This panel functions in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed by law.
- b. The function of the panel is solely advisory.
- c. Meetings of the panel are not arranged by government officials and government officials do not set the agenda. We could hardly do this and at the same time hold the Contractor strictly to task in the performance of the contract.
- d. Meetings are not chaired by government officials. They are at times conducted in the presence of government officials but the Contractor has control of the meeting.
- e. Minutes are not kept except insofar as scientific evaluations are made and conclusions reached. The minutes are not certified as accurate by a government official.

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Under this task order the Contractor is charged with carrying out an evaluative study on all aspects of the environment of the Soviet scientist. In performing this and other research tasks (for other sponsors) the Contractor employs a Research Advisory Board, composed of [redacted]

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While this Board has considerable influence on the research efforts going into the study and on the conclusions drawn, it has no direct relationship with the Agency. No member of OSI is associated with this Board in any of its deliberations.

- a. This panel functions in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed by law.
- b. The function of the panel is solely advisory.
- c. Meetings of the panel are not arranged by government officials and government officials do not set the agenda. We could hardly do this and at the same time hold the Contractor strictly to task in the performance of the contract.
- d. Meetings are not chaired by government officials. No government official is present during the deliberations.
- e. We have no knowledge as to how this panel operates in the matter of keeping minutes. No government official is in a position to certify the minutes.

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REPORT

ELECTRONICS DIVISION

This Division utilized the services of an ad-hoc group in November 1958 for advice and recommendation on Soviet cybernetics. This group was not established as an ad-hoc committee but might come under the referenced definition. Its members were as follows:

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To our knowledge, the criteria set forth in paragraph 3 a through e were met in the use of this group. That is,

- a. The Director of Central Intelligence approved the utilization of this group in connection with the performance of duties imposed by law.
- b. The function of the group was purely advisory.
- c. The meeting was approved by Government officials and the agenda set by these same officials.

d. The meeting was chaired by Government officials who had full control of the meeting.

e. A full record of the meeting has been kept and is presently available.

This group served in a special ad-hoc advisory capacity, and there is no intention on the part of the convening authority to reconvene the group at a future date.

To our knowledge, no other advisory panel or group, comprising non-Government personnel, is used by this Division.